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July 22, 2008

Mr. Wayne Maahs
Senior Resource Forester
Plum Creek Timber Company
126 Pipe Creek Road
Libby, MT 59923

Dear Mr. Maahs:

I'm writing on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) in response to your request for information regarding environmental samples collected from property located in Section 7, Township 31 North, Range 30 North, PMM in Lincoln County, Montana

EPA is conducting a remedial investigation/feasibility study pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act in an area designated Operable Unit 3 of the Libby Asbestos Site. Phase I of this project was performed in September and October of 2007. You requested sampling data from sampling locations designated as SL315-5, SL315-6, SL315-7, and SL315-8 in the Phase I remedial investigation. Soil samples and tree bark samples were collected at these locations and analyzed for Libby Amphibole (LA) asbestos content.

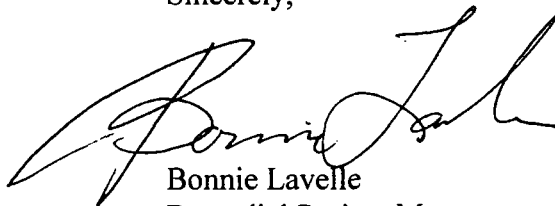
The LA asbestos analytical results for the soil samples are reported for both the coarse and fine fractions. The results for the coarse fraction are reported as a mass percent. The results for the fine fraction are reported semi-quantitatively if the results are less than 1%. The LA asbestos results for all four soil sample locations you identified were non-detect for both the coarse and fine fractions.

The LA asbestos analytical results for tree bark samples are expressed as million structures per square centimeter of sample (MS/cm²). The following table summarizes the results for the four samples you identified.

Sample location	# LA fibers	Sensitivity (1/cm ²)	Total LA (MS/cm ²)
SL315-5	23	9,400	0.22
SL315-6	50	31,000	1.53
SL315-7	2	8,700	0.02
SL315-8	5	8,700	0.04

If you have any questions or require further information related to EPA's activities at Operable Unit 3 of the Libby Asbestos Site, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at (303)312-6579 or email at lavelle.bonita@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Lavelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bonnie" being more prominent than the last name "Lavelle".

Bonnie Lavelle
Remedial Project Manager
Operable Unit 3
Libby Asbestos Site

